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OHIO'S STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS

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Board Accepts Settlement Agreement in Mortgage Location Survey Case

At its meeting on March 8, 2007, the Ohio State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors accepted a settlement agreement from **Stephen M. Bowman, P.S. of Zanesville, Ohio.**

In August 2006 the Board opened an investigation based on a complaint alleging that a mortgage survey prepared by Mr. Bowman did not meet the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code 4733-38 (Minimum Standards for Mortgage Location Surveys). After the investigation was completed the Board charged Mr. Bowman with violating Ohio Revised Code Sections 4733.20 (A) (2) and (5) and Ohio Administrative Code Sections 4733-35-08 (K) and (M) and offered him an opportunity for hearing. Mr. Bowman entered into a settlement agreement wherein he agreed to a six (6) month suspension of his certificate of registration as a professional surveyor. The suspension was stayed on the following conditions:

- Mr. Bowman's was placed on probation for one (1) year beginning March 8, 2007;
- Payment of a \$500.00 fine;
- Acceptance of a *Letter of Reprimand* that will become part of his permanent file.

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